



February 11, 2009

The Honorable Jerry Sanders
City of San Diego
City Administration Building
202 C St.
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Project Name: San Diego Main Library
Project Number: 2057

Dear Mayor Sanders:

Based on your February 2, 2009 letter and the supporting documentation provided, I am willing to process an extension to your grant agreement to fund the San Diego Main Library under the Library Bond Act of 2000 until July 1, 2009. This should provide you with adequate time to complete the feasibility study and negotiate an agreement with the School District for the joint-use project as well as submit deliverables addressing the four areas of concern in my December 24, 2008 letter:

1. The cost impact on the library portion of the overall project, including cost increases for redesign, along with cost increases to meet Field Act requirements and any other changes required by code upgrades or modifications before the project is bid and construction is started,
2. A revised project budget (pages 27 & 28, lines 1 – 37 of the application form) reflecting the above based on the preliminary cost estimates from the feasibility study,
3. Specific detail regarding the composition of Supplemental Local Funds, (page 28, line 36 of the application form), and
4. A revised project timetable (page 29, lines 1 – 12 of the application form) which reflects the time required to make the necessary changes to the construction documents including any necessary Division of State Architect, State Library and local City of San Diego reviews of the revised plans and specifications as they are developed.

I continue to be concerned about the viability of local funds that are committed to this project. As part of the City's response to #2 above, please provide confirmation that the \$80 million in CCDC funding referred to in your February 2nd letter remains committed to this project. Also please provide donor agreement letters or similar documents that verify the availability of the \$33 million in private contributions as mentioned in the February 2nd letter.

I am pleased that you offered to provide monthly updates on the progress of the feasibility study for the project. These reports will be required to be submitted timely as a requirement of this extension. Please have your staff direct those updates at the first of each month to Richard B. Hall, Library Facilities Consultant.

I understand that the San Diego Unified School District has taken action on this project recently. Please make sure that your staff sends Mr. Hall copies of any actions on the part of the City of San Diego, the San Diego Unified School District or any other parties that relate to this project as soon as they are taken.

Finally, I am assuming that the 90 days the School District will take to pursue the request for a waiver of the Field Act and/or urgency legislation/Executive Order will occur at roughly the same time (12 weeks) the feasibility study is being performed. While the State Library has no jurisdiction in this area, we are interested in seeing the main library project begin construction as soon as possible as long as the safety of school children as well as the general public can be assured.

Please contact Curtis Purnell, Library Bond Act Fiscal Officer, to process the required documents to execute this grant extension.

I wish you well in your continued pursuit of the San Diego Main Library project as well as the new high school in one combined facility.

Yours truly,



Susan Hildreth
State Librarian of California

Enclosures

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Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Coordinator, City of San Diego